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No. 24-1095

In the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

RODNEY D. PIERCE and MOSES MATTHEWS,

Plaintiff-Appellants,

v.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, et al.,

Defendant-Appellees.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, James E. Dever, III, District Judge No. 4:23-cv-193-D-RN

STATE BOARD DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF-APPELLANTS' EMERGENCY MOTION TO EXPEDITE BRIEFING AND DECISION

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Defendant-Appellees, The North Carolina State Board of Elections, and Alan Hirsch, Jeff Carmon, Stacy Eggers, IV, Kevin N. Lewis, and Siobhan O'Duffy Millen, all in their official capacities (collectively "State Board Defendants"), respond to Plaintiff-Appellants' emergency motion to expedite briefing and decision [Doc. 4] as follows.

State Board Defendants take no position on Plaintiff-Appellants' emergency motion to expedite briefing and decision.

Respectfully submitted, this the 29th day of January, 2024.

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I certify that this Response complies with the length requirements of Fed. R. App. P. 27(d)(2)(A) because it contains 70 words. This response also complies with the typeface and type-style requirements of Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(5) & (6) because it has been prepared in a proportionally spaced typeface: 14-point Constantia font.

Respectfully submitted, this the 29th day of January, 2024.

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